

## Good King Wenceslas

### A Christmas Carol of Long Ago

**GOOD KING WENCESLAS** looked out  
On the frost of Stephen,  
And the snow lay round about,  
Deep and crisp and even.  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
Though the frost was cruel;  
When a poor man came in sight,  
Gathering winter fuel.

**First Singer:**  
"Hither, page, come stand by me,  
If thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"

**Second Singer:**  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
Down beneath the mountain,  
Close against the forest fence,  
By St. Agnes' fountain."

**First Singer:**  
"Bring me hither and bring me hither,  
Bring me pine logs hither;  
Thou and I, we'll see him dine,  
When we bear them thither."

**Second Singer:**  
"Sire, the night is darker now,  
And the storm grows wilder,  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer."

**First Singer:**  
"Mark my steps, he brave, my page;  
Tread thou in them boldly;  
Then thou'lt find the winter's rage,  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

**Page and monarch on they went,  
On they went together,  
Through the rude wind's wild lament,  
Through the bitter weather.**

**In his master's steps he trod,  
Where the snow lay dinted;  
That was in the very sod  
Which his foot had printed.**

**Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
Wealth or rank increasing,  
Ye who now do bless the poor,  
Shall yourselves find blessing.**

### One Historic Christmastide.

The crusades had a wonderful influence upon the literary taste as well as the national manners and festivities of Christmastide.

It was at the Christmas festival of 1214 that the barons demanded from King John the document which as the foundation of English liberties is known by the name of Magna Charta. John's tyranny had become intolerable, and the hopes of the people hung on the fortunes of the French campaign, in which he was then engaged. After his defeat and return to England the barons met secretly and swore to demand the restoration of their liberties by charter under the king's seal. Having agreed to assemble for this purpose at Christmas, they separated. On the feast of the Epiphany the barons asked of the king his confirmation of the laws of Edward the Confessor and Henry I. John met the barons with an absolute refusal, but, finding them firm, pleaded for time to consider. This was granted, and in 1215, knowing it to be inevitable, he called the barons to Runnymede and there signed the great charter.

## Christmas Song

**Now is the time when holly sprays  
Light all the barren  
And every bell, it sounds  
A peal in the Master's praise.**

**Now is the time when ivy gleams  
Like beryl in the morning  
And every bell, it sounds  
A peal in the Master's praise.**

**Now is the time when mistletoe  
Is glossy in the noonday glow,  
And every bell, it sounds  
A peal in the Master's praise.**

**Now is the time of angels' mirth,  
The blessed day of Christ—  
his birth,  
And every bell, it sounds  
A peal in the Master's praise.**

**To ring his praise throughout  
the earth,  
—Hinton Scottard in Ainslie's.**

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our neighbors and many friends for the acts of kindness shown us during our recent bereavement, and also for the beautiful flowers and the comforting words of the minister.

Mrs. William Anderson.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Gee.  
Willard Gee.  
Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Anderson.

Douglas Fairbanks, in "The Man from Painted Post," Idlehour, Sunday and Monday.—Adv.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mike Downing was in Ypsilanti on business Monday.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-11

Wm. S. Hart, in "The Disciple," Idlehour, Christmas day.—Adv.

Don't forget we roller skate every night over the postoffice.—Adv.

Mrs. E. L. Smith was a St. Johns visitor the fore part of the week.

Rev. C. L. Wood left Monday for Huntington, Ind., on business for the U. M. church.

Douglas Fairbanks, in "The Man from Painted Post," Idlehour, Sunday and Monday.—Adv.

Mrs. C. A. Miller of the Idlehour theater was in Detroit on business the first of the week.

"Fatty" Arbuckle, in "Fatty at Co-rey Island," the biggest scream yet, Idlehour, Wednesday.—Adv.

College night, Idlehour, Thursday, December 20. "Jack" Pickford in the "Ghost House." Special comedy.

Hear Mr. Cruise sing at Red Cross benefit, Genesta theater, Thursday afternoon and evening, December 20th.—Adv.

Wesley Muscott left Monday for Columbus, O., where he will join the United States army aviation corps in training there.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bartlett left Wednesday morning for a two months' stay at Lynnhaven, Fla. The Record will follow.

Remarkable picture drama, "Hall Came's Christian," Genesta theater, Thursday afternoon and evening, December 20th.—Adv.

Mr. Edna Campbell Williams of Fort Smith, Ark., visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, this week.

Mrs. John C. Hick entertained 40 ladies at bridge at her home on West Center street Saturday. A most enjoyable time is reported.

Lieutenant Lester von Thurn returned last Saturday to Camp Gordon at Atlanta, Ga., after a ten days' visit at the home of his parents here.

Lawrence Montigel, in training at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., is spending several days in Alma at the home of his father, J. M. Montigel.

Miss Leona Reinhold of South Bend, Ind., until recently editor of the women's page on the News-Times of that city, has accepted a position with the Republic Radio.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Church of Christ will serve a noodle soup supper in the church basement Wednesday eve., Dec. 19. Supper served from 5 o'clock until all are served. Bill 25c.—Adv.

The Alma fire department was called to the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company Monday afternoon, but the small blaze which had started was out before the department arrived.

Robert McAllister of Chicago, Ill., former Alma college man, was in the city the latter part of last week, and while here attended the Zeta Sigma banquet which was held Saturday evening.

M. A. Holmes, sales manager for the Republic Motor Truck company, Inc., who has been in the eastern states on business for the concern, has returned to Alma laden with a good bunch of orders for Republics.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stockey left today for New Orleans, where they will spend the winter months. While en route they will stop off at Montgomery, Ala., where they will visit with a nephew, who is in training at Camp Sherman.

Donald Smith, formerly of Alma college, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith of this city, who has been in training for the past few months at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., is spending a few days at the home of his parents.

Francis X. Lake, former manual training instructor in the Alma public schools, who was drafted and later discharged at Camp Custer for physical reasons, has secured a position in the Port Huron public schools, and is now at work there.

It has been suggested that the postoffice needs an exclusive stamp window because of the business which is being done at the present time at the stamp, general delivery and parcel post window. Of late it has been a case of line-up and wait for your turn.

An automatic telephone system has been installed at the Republic Motor Truck company's plant here.

A small fire broke out in the paint room of Plant One of the Republic Motor Truck company last Friday, but it was extinguished without the need of calling the city fire department.

Paul Odle, traffic manager of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., is in Washington, D. C., this week with the expectation of prying loose one of those commissions which are hanging around for the fellows that can grab the quickest. He is expecting a captaincy in the carriage division.

Gerald R. Sawyer, aged 18 years, son of R. R. Sawyer and wife of 225 Maple avenue, assistant in first aid room of Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc., enlisted in Aviation and Signal corps on Nov. 26 and started for Grand Rapids the 27th, and from there to Columbus barracks, for his final examination, which he passed, and is now there awaiting transportation for Texas.

Tuesday evening A. J. Vance, principal of Forest Hill schools, was called to Ithaca, and missed his return train owing to the late arrival of the southbound motor. He returned Wednesday morning on northbound motor, which was also late, and found that his pupils had taken their places, prepared their lessons and were ready to recite when he arrived.

How is that for self-control of schools.

George Bildson resigned his position at the Alma Roller Mills Saturday to accept a position with the Michigan Millers' Fire Insurance company of Lansing, and started on his new work Monday. Saturday afternoon the employees of the mill presented Mr. Bildson with a fine leather traveling bag as a token of the esteem in which he was held by them. He expects to continue to reside in this city.

## ZETA SIGMA MEN ARE HOSTS AT LARGE BANQUET

### A Large Crowd Enjoys One of the Year's Big Events.

Although the weather man did all in his power Saturday evening to force the men of Zeta Sigma to stay in their rooms rather than venture out of doors, he was unsuccessful.

At an early hour the brave men started out, with collars rolled up high, for the abode of the fair ones. Some of the men might have at least turned down their collars when they saw how fearlessly some of the gentler sex dressed to face the attempts of the said weather man, but they simply called the taxis and proceeded to the Wright House with undimmed spirits.

Soon after the arrival at the Wright House, Gen. "Blake" Miller took charge. He ordered the couples to get into line, and amid the sound of music from the orchestra they marched to the dining room. After Pres. Crooks had returned thanks, all were seated and the "eats" were served by an excellent corps of waiters. Even such eaters as "Cawky" had to take time out and catch up the tune of the orchestra and sing.

After all the dishes were cleared away and the good old Zeta Sigma punch was served, the toastmaster, Mr. Earl Coleman, gave a very clever and well-wounded speech. Perhaps it was because "Rube" talked on an empty stomach that he did so well, but at any rate his speech was fine and he put the guests in a fine state of mind.

Mr. O. M. Anderson, better known as "Jake," spoke about "Memories." "Jake" was well fitted for his subject, having been in Alma seven years. Each year was dedicated to a building on the campus, and unlike most dedications, a great deal of humor was thrown in. "Jake" was very modest, but he did consent to let us see a picture of himself taken during his first year at Alma. Someone observed that college had improved him a little. "Jake" was very careful to tell only those things which would make a good impression on the younger men of the society and keep them from being influenced in the wrong direction.

Mr. Lee M. Sharrar, president of Freshman class, spoke on "Fellowship." He proved himself to be a great wit and also a poet. His preliminary remarks were very clever. Lee made everyone feel how the Freshmen appreciated the fellowship they found in Zeta Sigma.

"Bud" Marsh gave some "Bits of Jazz." Bud was a winner. He even got one on the worthy toastmaster. No one was safe from Bud's wit. Even the faculty and Prexy got their share. Bud's ability to write rhymes was shown by his little poem: "When I Was on the Carpet." To describe Bud's sayings spoils them; you just have to hear them, that is all.

The quartette, composed of Anderson, Robinson, Don Smith and Seelye, gave some fine selections. "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" was very touching. After the chorus was sung the last time, very softly, for a minute one could hear a pin drop in the room.

Miss Marie Doane, representing Alpha Theta, spoke about "Our Hosts." Miss Doane's poem, "To Our Hosts," was most wonderfully written and highly appreciated. Miss Doane's tribute to Zeta Sigma is a never to be forgotten one in the minds of the men of the society.

Affiliation was discussed by Mr. Russell Gaffney. He said the Zeta men regarded the Alpha Theta girls as big sisters. That they were always willing to follow where the girls led. Whenever the fellows took the lead at the time had the girls refused to help them and stand back of them. Gaffney also spoke of the affiliation with the Froebel society and the Adelpheis of Olivet.

Olivet was represented by Capt. George Johnson. He said that although he was in the enemies camp he felt that he was among friends. He considered Alma as a rival in sports but yet the feeling of the Adelpheis of Olivet for the Zeta Sigma men was of the best sort. If it should come to pass that an Adelphe should meet a Zeta Sigma, no matter where, on the battlefield of France, or anywhere, let the meeting be as of friends and brothers. Mr. Johnson spoke in a very able manner and showed that he could talk as well as play football.

Mr. T. A. Robinson, who has lately returned from the front in France, spoke on "Service." He pictured very vividly some of the things on the battle front. He told of atrocities committed by the Germans. His talk was very much appreciated because he told of his actual experiences.

Harold Lampman spoke of "The Future." His talk was very sincere. He outlined some of the duties for us in the future.

The banquet closed with the Zeta Sigma song. It was a most enjoyable banquet and everyone there will always remember it. Over ninety people were present.

Some old students that were present at the banquet were Leon Lauderbach, Clarence Goodrich, Oscar Anderson, Montie McFarlane, Robert McAllister, Donald Smith, T. A. Robinson, Chester Robinson, Pauline Markham, Beryl Hazelton, Emma Keller.

## GIVE WARNING.

Draft Board Again Calls Attention of Men to Questionnaires.

Under the new rules and regulations sent out by the war department, every man who registered last June 5, who is not already in the service or who will not be needed to finish filling this first quota will be required to fill out a new form, known as a questionnaire. This questionnaire has been prepared for the purpose of dividing or classifying all registrants into five different classes, according to their liability for service.

In Gratiot county the local boards will begin sending out these questionnaires on or soon after December 15, and according to the rules, every man receiving one of these must fill it out and return it to his local board either by mail or in person within seven days. Failing to do this, he is listed as a slacker and thereby forfeits many of the rights and privileges which he would have otherwise.

The local boards have no way of determining any man's address who has moved since June 5 unless they have been notified of the removal, and in all cases where they have not been told that the registrant moved they will use the address given on the registration card which was filled out by registered men June 5.

As a result, if you have moved and have not notified any one or left any forwarding address, the questionnaire is going to be returned to the local board with a notice by the postoffice department that you have moved and left no forwarding address or whatever other reason there may be for the non-delivery of your letter. This means that if your questionnaire is returned with such notice on it by the postoffice department that you will immediately be placed in class 1, which is liable for immediate call in to service, and it is going to require very much explanation on the part of the registrant who fails to comply with the law in explaining to the board his situation in order to secure the benefits to which he may be entitled.

It is therefore of the utmost importance that every man who registered in Detroit June 5 who has moved from his present address to notify his local board immediately of his present address in order that the questionnaire will reach him at the earliest possible moment. Also this applies to men who now may be residing in Alma but who registered at some other place and moved to this city since June 5. They should immediately send their Alma address to the local board where they registered in order that they may know where to send the questionnaire.

The attorneys of Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis will assist in making out the questionnaires without expense. If you are within the draft age and have not been called, or if called and discharged or exempted and do not receive a questionnaire before Dec. 20 you should call at the draft office.

## GETS TEN DAYS.

Summer Farr of Forest Hill, found guilty in justice court of having violated the truancy laws, was given ten days in the county jail in which to decide whether or not it was worth while. He was tried in the justice court at Ithaca.

*There's Something Here for Everyone*

# Christmas Happiness

"FOR HIM" "FOR HER"

## BUY HER

Liggett's Chocolates  
Ivory Toilet Sets  
Manicure Sets

Perfumes  
Stationery  
Books

These things will always be acceptable to "Her," whether she be mother, sister, sweetheart or wife.

## BUY HIM

Cigars, A Pipe  
Smoker's Sets  
Safety Razors  
Thermos Bottles

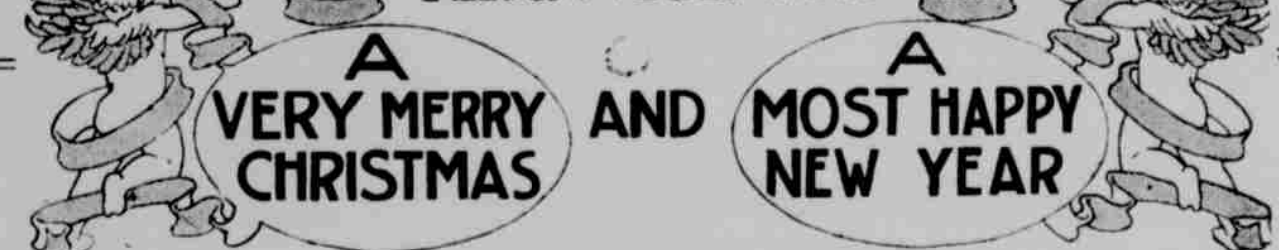
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